

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SP-02 INR-10 PM-05 EB-08 H-01  
SAA-01 NSCE-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00  
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DRAFTED BY NEA/EGY;DEZWEIFEL/BD  
APPROVED BY NEA/EGY:CEMARTHINSEN  
AMBASSADOR:HFEILTS  
ARP:PBURLEIGH (INFO)  
-----020725 301625Z /64 S  
O R 301534Z AUG 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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FOR CHARGE MATTHEWS

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MARR, EG, US

SUBJECT: E-1 FINANCING THE PROJECT

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY AGENCY THAT GOE NOW HAS CON-  
CLUDED THAT SAG WILL NOT FINANCE PHASE III CONSTRUCTION AT  
E-1.

2. GENERAL ELECTRIC HAS COMMITTED CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES  
TO PHASE III PROGRAM. GIVEN USG INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT,  
DEPARTMENT FEELS RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP PRIME CONTRACTOR  
INFORMED OF CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, WE IN-  
FORMALLY NOTIFIED STILES OF GE THAT SAUDI FUNDING APPARENT-  
LY WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING. STILES IN TURN ASSURED US  
THAT COMPANY WILL NOT REVEAL TO EGYPTIANS ITS KNOWLEDGE  
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OF THIS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. HOWEVER, GE  
WILL PHASE DOWN PRESENT OPERATIONS DRASTICALLY.

3. POSSIBILITY THAT GOE MIGHT, BECAUSE OF LACK OF FINANC-  
ING, SUSPEND OR CANCEL E-1 CONTRACT WAS MENTIONED BY  
GAMASY TO AMBASSADOR DURING THEIR LAST TALK (CAIRO 18949).  
AT THAT TIME, AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED NEED TO INFORM GE

IMMEDIATELY IF DECISION IS NEGATIVE.

4. AS YOU KNOW, GAMASY WISHED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH

AMBASSADOR LAST SATURDAY, PRESUMABLY TO INFORM HIM OF  
GOE DECISION. SINCE NO CONTACT COULD BE MADE ON THAT DAY,  
REQUEST YOU REPORT STATUS OF YOUR EFFORTS TO CONTACT HIM.  
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT HIM, PLEASE KEEP  
TRYING IN ORDER TO GET FORMAL GOE POSITION. IF, AS WE  
EXPECT, GOE DECISION IS NEGATIVE, PLEASE REMIND GAMASY OF  
HIS PROMISE TO INFORM GE WITHOUT DELAY. CHRISTOPHER

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